



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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SUBJECT: CLEAN AIR ACT INSPECTION REPORT
Fitesa, Terre Haute, Indiana

FROM: Jason Schenandoah, Environmental Engineer
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BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: Fitesa

Facility Location: 3400 Fort Harrison Road, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47804

Date of Inspection: November 8, 2022

EPA Inspector(s):

1. Jason Schenandoah, Environmental Engineer
2. Carlo Demma, Physical Scientist (Environmental)

Other Attendees:

1. Victor Deleonardis, Health, Safety, and Environmental Specialist, Fitesa
2. Helen Kuhn, Human Resources Manager, Fitesa
3. Alicia Aleman, Quality Manager, Fitesa
4. Dan Stiles, Process Engineer, Fitesa
5. Bill Latham, Maintenance Manager, Fitesa
6. Francisco Matos, Plant Manager, Fitesa

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Purpose of Inspection: To determine if Fitesa has the potential to emit tetrachloroethylene (PCE).

Facility Type: Spunmelt, nonwoven plastic fabric manufacturer

Regulations Central to Inspection: Confirm facility's minor source status consistent with the Indiana State Implementation Plan

Arrival Time: 12:30 pm

Departure Time: 2:00 pm

Inspection Type:

- ☒ Unannounced Inspection
- ☐ Announced Inspection

OPENING CONFERENCE

- ☒ Presented Credentials
- ☒ Stated authority and purpose of inspection
- ☒ Provided Small Business Resource Information Sheet
- ☐ Small Business Resource Information Sheet not provided. Reason:
- ☒ Provided CBI warning to facility

The following information was obtained verbally from Fitesa personnel unless otherwise noted.

Company Ownership: Fitesa purchased the facility from Tredegar Film Products in October 2022.

Process Description:

Pelletized resin is received via truck in bulk boxes or is received by railcar and stored in silos. There are 16 production lines at the facility. Most lines are fed pelletized resin to extrude nonwoven plastic films. The newly extruded film is then put through a calender process where light heat is applied and creates a required texture for each product's needs. The film is then slit to size and rolled up to be packaged. The packaged product is then palletized to await shipment via truck. Lines 12 and 13 are used for a lamination process that will laminate woven and nonwoven films together. Line 4 has a calender process only.

Staff Interview: EPA inspectors asked if PCE is either used directly in or is a byproduct of any process at the facility. Facility staff stated that PCE is not in use at the facility and PCE is not created as a byproduct. Maintenance staff stated that parts degreasing is completed using mineral spirits.

TOUR INFORMATION

EPA Tour of the Facility: Yes

Data Collected and Observations:

EPA inspectors toured the production lines and did not note any evidence of PCE use.

Photos and/or Videos: were not taken during the inspection.

Field Measurements: were not taken during this inspection.

RECORDS REVIEW

1. SDS for Crystal Clean Mineral Spirits

CLOSING CONFERENCE

- ☒ Provided U.S. EPA point of contact to the facility

DIGITAL SIGNATURES

Report Author: _____

Section Supervisor: _____